

# Evolution of Faith

## Week #2 - From Rags to Riches

Week #2: Filthy Rich—Peter praises God for the riches of the inheritance of God’s kids, riches that can’t fade, riches that are kept in heaven and shielded by God’s power. When we were reborn into God’s family, we became filthy rich with spiritual blessings. Text: 1 Peter 1:4-5.

Being rich **changes** how you live.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3,4 - *For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures*
- Isaiah 64:6 - *All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.*
- Ephesians 2:1,4 - *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.*

Without Jesus our story is only **rags**, no **riches**.

- 2 Corinthians 8:9 - *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

Jesus became filthy, so that we might be **rich**.

- 1 Peter 1:4a - *and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.*
- 1 Peter 1:4b - *This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,*
- 1 Peter 1:4,5 - *and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*

I’m better than filthy rich, I’m **Jesus** rich.

- Ephesians 3:16-19 - *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

Being **rooted** in Jesus’ riches changes how you live.

## **Points to Ponder**

- 1) What are some of the ways people try and guard and protect your earthly riches? What lengths have you gone to in order to protect your riches? Why is this the case?
- 2) Why is it so significant that being Jesus rich and your inheritance is something God is guarding? How does this impact your faith personally and help it evolve from worrying over earthly riches to worshipping for your eternal inheritance?
- 3) How have the 5 roots (Gather, Group, Grow, Give, and Go) helped your faith evolve? How might planting a deeper root in in the Gather, Group and Grow roots help your faith evolve even more? Share 1 specific way you will do that in the next 30 days with your life group, spouse or friends.

***Homework: 1 Peter 1:3-9***